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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with Jack Brady, House International Relations
Committee staff, re Case Act Reporting

1. Met with Jack Brady, newly appointed Chief of Staff of the House International Relations Committee, to brief him on the decision which has been made concerning the necessity to report to that Committee and the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a sensitive intelligence agreement and to discuss with Brady the question of secure procedures within the Committee for handling such a report.

2. Brady explained that all international agreements which are reported to the Committee under the Zablocki/Case Act are reported by the Department of State. Upon receipt of such a report, the Chairman notifies the members of the receipt of the report and it is then filed for future reference. Both Brady and I expressed concern about the secure handling of a report on an intelligence agreement, especially in view of the provisions of Rule XI of the House of Representatives which gives every member of the House the right of access to any document, transcript or other record in the files of the Committee.

3. I told Brady that we were discussing this problem with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in view of the exclusive jurisdiction of that Committee as it relates to the requirements for reports to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. There is not a comparable Select Committee in the House, but I did advise Brady that I had discussed this matter with the staff of the House Armed Services Committee, which has jurisdiction over intelligence matters, and they were aware that I was approaching him on this subject.

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4. Brady saw no real urgency in this matter since it has been pending in the Executive Branch for some time. I mentioned to him, however, that the State Department was most anxious that they not be considered derelict in contacting the two committees since the decision has been affirmed within the Executive Branch that the agreement should be reported to the Congress. (We have now, in effect, at least given notice to both Houses of Congress of the existence of such an agreement and this might be construed as a constructive report pending a full report from the State Department.) Brady said he would like to think about this problem for a few days and discuss it with Representative Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.), who is expected to be named Chairman of the Committee when the 95th Congress convenes next week. We agreed we would be back in touch with each other within a few days.



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